(US $ MILLION)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05 (P)
Import %age	2792.04	4053.23	6746.66
growth	+37.10	+45.17	+66.45

(Source DGCI&S) (P) - *Provisional*

The major categories of goods imported from China are electronic goods, coal, coke & briquettes, organic chemicals, electrical and other machinery, medicinal & pharmaceutical products and textile yarn, fabrics & made ups.

The regimes where these items are sold more are not available in this Ministry.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD) has initiated anti-dumping investigations into 86 cases involving China during the period from 1922 to 2006 so far. These cases relate to Chemicals and Petrochemicals, .Steel, Fibre and Yarn and Consumer Goods, etc.

Export of spices

311. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Spices Board made any sustained study on the potential for exports of various spices;

(b) if so, the details of the potential of their export, spice-wise;

(c) the details of any promotional activity undertaken by the Spices Board for exports in the current fiscal year;

(d) which foreign demand have been identified by the Spices Board;

(e) whether the Spices Board succeeded in obtaining any export orders during current financial year;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether any of such spices are produced in bulk in Rajasthan; and

(h) if so, their names, production quantity and potential for export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Spices Board has conducted a market study under Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme of the Department of Commerce for export of Indian spice to the main stream US markets. A market study to assess the potential to improve the export of branded Indian cardamom in the Gulf region is also being done. The study has concluded that spices like black pepper, red pepper (chilli), cinnamon, cumin, ginger, turmeric, dehydrated garlic, oregano and poppy seed can be introduced under Indian brands in a phased manner in the mainstream segment, gourmet segment and private lable segment of the US market. Similarly, there is a large potential of Indian cardamom in the Gulf region.

(c) During the current year, the Spices Board has provided support for adoption of high tech and technology upgradation; setting up/upgradation of Quality Control Lab; International Standards Organisation (ISO)/Hazard Assessment and Critical Control Process (HACCP) Certification and packaging development to a number of beneficiaries. The Spices Board has also participated in international fairs along with exporters for export promotion of spices.

(d) The demand segments indentified by the Board are Vanilla, Herbal Spices, High Colour value chillies and all spices free of adulterants and with tolerable levels of aflatoxins, pesticide residues and contaminants.

(e) and (f) The Spices Board does not directly export spices. Spices Board promotes and facilitates export of Spices.

(g) and (h) Yes, Sir. Cumin and Coriander are the major spices produced in Rajasthan. Rajasthan produced 69093 MTs and 169830 MTs of Cumin and Coriander respectively during 2004-05. There is a considerable potential for export of these spices.

Steps to counter Pakistan in rice exports

312. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rice exporters have approached Government